

THANKSGIVING

to her, and then left the county on top of it.

"This left the field of love open to the squire, and he made the most of it, coming every afternoon to our place, spruced up like a young man, in a light black suit, and with his hair combed over his bald spot.

"He would send Margy splendid presents, too. And sometimes a love letter, a fine, proper love letter, calling her a red rose with the dew on it, a black-eyed gypsy, or some such prettiness, all of which you may be sure, though, only I ever read.

"Meanwhile the wedding arrangements were going on with wicked hurry. My uncle's going to be a turkey and a chicken pie, we'll have an' onions, too, the finest ever seen;

An' there's going to be a raisin' cake, an' a potato frit' of onions, et with sugar sass, oh, my!

An' we'll eat enough to bust ye, fore ye know where ye are;

An' ye goin' to get the cake,

Et ye don't

watch out.

An' when the dinner's over, on that Thanks-

giving day,

An' the dishes are all tilted an' the table cleared away,

When the old folks in the parlor by the fire

An' the popcorn, an' the apples is a circ-

latin room;

When the men is talkin' politics, the women

An' gran'ma in her spectacles has dropped

off in a doze,

While the young folks in the kitchen is a

frantic bust,

They's goin' to be some sparkin'

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An' when it's gettin' darker, an' the fire is

An' the shoulders in the corners keep a-way-

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When the women comes round the corner with

An' the men is a-jumpin' round;

An' ye see outside the snowflakes, on by

one, a settin' down;

When ye catch them up nearer, on the

An' speak of them I was with ye in Thanks-

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THANKSGIVING IN THE COUNTRY

Ever goin' to the country, to spend

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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

## GOOD TONE IN TRADE.

### BUSINESS SEEMS TO BE QUIETING DOWN.

**Signs of Shrinkage in New Demand for Iron and Steel Products Are Visible**  
—A Janesville Man Blows Up a House with Dynamite.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "The signs of shrinkage in the new demand for iron and steel products become more clear, and while prices of pig are maintained without change and billets are quoted lower only because premiums for earlier deliveries are no longer paid, plates are quoted lower at the East, with some small mills selling at 25 cents at Pittsburgh, and sheets are sold by some works there at \$3 to \$4 less than the regular price. The strength of bars at the West is largely due to the great demand for cars, of which it is said that 1,000 per day are ordered. Shipments of boats and ships fall off, and yet are larger than in any previous year. Textile manufacturers are doing well, although in woolens the speculation in material threatens to cause some embarrassment. Sales of wool were again heavy—21,642,311 pounds at the three chief markets—making in two weeks 41,823,811 pounds, against 17,437,100 pounds last year. Worsted goods are in good demand and have been advanced in price with some fannings. Failures for the week were 219 in the United States, against 223 last year, and 20 in Canada, against 26 last year."

### SIX KILLED, FOUR INJURED.

#### Fatal Accident on Railroad at Humboldt, S. D.

Six men were killed and four seriously if not fatally injured in an accident on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad at Humboldt, S. D. The train was backing out of Humboldt when a handcar, bearing thirty-five Italians, came around a curve. The Italians saw the danger and jumped. The handcar caught under the rear of the caboose and this and the flat car next to it were destroyed. On the flat car were twenty Italian laborers, five of whom were killed outright and five more injured. Brook Cobelman, one of the dead, is an American. The rest are Italians.

#### TRIES TO KILL WITH DYNAMITE.

**Wisconsin Man Blows Up a House Occupied by Six Persons.**

Fred O'Brien placed a ten-pound stick of dynamite under his wife's bedroom at Janesville, Wis., and exploded it, partly wrecking the house, which is a one-story frame. In the building were Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Brien, Mrs. Fred O'Brien and three children. All escaped injury. O'Brien's wife had refused to live with him and he sought revenge. He is in jail and has confessed, implicating two other men.

**Mob in Ohio Tore a Woman.**

In the town of West Liberty, Ohio, a mob of 150, including, it is said, some of the most prominent people, battered down the jail doors, took out Nell Jackson, white; Ed Jackson, colored, and David Richman, colored, tarred and feathered them and, after parading them through the streets, started them on the road toward Bellefontaine. They had been arrested on suspicion of having fired a gun. The woman is the wife of a negro.

#### Arm Crippled by a Gesture.

J. H. Goetze, prosecuting attorney of Auglaize County, Ohio, just before the election was delivering a political speech in a country school house and, in the midst of an eloquent period, made a gesture in such a manner as to break a ligament in his right arm. The injured member has troubled him to such an extent that he is obliged to carry it in a sling.

#### Murdered for His Money.

The unknown man whose body was found in Mill creek, six miles from Fort Scott, Kan., weighed down with a heavy chain and sack of stones, has been identified as Leopold Edlinger, a farmer living near Rockville, Mo. When last seen Edlinger had drawn his money from a Rockville bank. He was undoubtedly murdered for his money.

#### Power for Black Hills Cities.

Fifteen miles of water rights on Spearfish creek, South Dakota, have been purchased from William Lardner of Deadwood by the Cascade Water Power and Electric Transmission Company, which proposes to put in a 15,000-horse power electrical plant to furnish electric power and light to the mines and cities of the Black Hills.

#### Schley's Flag Goes Up.

The other afternoon a blue flag, bearing two white stars, shot upward on the minnow of the United States cruiser Chicago, as she lay at anchor off Tompkinsville, S. I. A second later a salvo of seventeen guns thundered forth, announcing that Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley had assumed formal command of the South Atlantic squadron.

#### Suicide by Shooting.

Edward Prugh, aged 38, single, and residing with his parents five miles southeast of Dayton, Ohio, committed suicide by firing the contents of a shotgun into his breast. Prugh had become mentally deranged from excessive grief.

#### Blow Kills a Peacemaker.

In Washington, D. C., Charles F. Gowan attempted to act as peacemaker in a quarrel. He was knocked to the sidewalk, the fall causing a fracture of the skull, from which he died.

#### Prison Sentence for Rieger.

David V. Rieger, former president of the Missouri National Bank, which failed Nov. 30, 1896, owing depositors \$1,500,000, was found guilty in the United States District Court at Kansas City, Mo., of misappropriating the bank's funds and sentenced to six years.

#### Logan's Body to Be Exhumed.

Mrs. John A. Logan, Jr., has received a telegram from Secretary of War Root, notifying her that he had advised Gen. Otis by cable to have the body of Maj. Logan exhumed and sent home.

#### Destructive Fire at Troy, Kan.

The town of Troy, Kan., was almost wiped out by fire. The blaze originated in the general store conducted by Cyrus Leland, Jr. Seven business houses were destroyed, was killed in a fight in Leland. It was leading his battalion in action.

#### Kansas Volunteer Killed by Train.

Harry S. Ettenger, an honorably discharged member of Company H, Kansas volunteers, was struck and killed by a train at Wichita, Kan.

#### Steel Diamonds at Cleveland.

One of the largest and most valuable collections ever perpetrated in Cleveland was captured the other afternoon. These succeeded in getting away with a tray of diamonds valued at \$200,000 from the store of Bigler Brothers, manufacturing jewelers, at 52-54 Euclid avenue.

### PLANS FOR ENLARGING NAVY.

#### Construction Board Considering Building of Eighteen New Vessels.

The project for further naval increase, which Congress will be asked to authorize at the next session for immediate construction, involves eighteen warships, three of them armored cruisers of the improved Brooklyn type, but double the size and formidableness of that excellent vessel; three improved Olympias, one-third larger and proportionately more powerful than the fine flagship that led the way into Manila bay, and twelve gunboats of a type recommended by Admiral Dewey as essential for the effective patrol of the Philippine archipelago. The latter class, to use the admiral's own expression, summing up the results of his experience in Asiatic waters, must be quickly built, must be able to go out to Manila under their own steam, must draw less water than any gunboat now in the navy, must maneuver easily in tortuous channels, and, above all, must have sufficient protection to resist attacks. Such boats, in his opinion, are needed now, and will always be needed to patrol the numerous channels between the less civilized islands.

#### BANK SWINDLERS CAUGHT.

##### Gang Captured in New York Include Leader and Three Confederates.

In the arrest of four men in New York and one in Pittsburgh a dangerous and successful gang of bank swindlers has been broken up. They were rounded up after being watched for several months. It is impossible to give an accurate estimate of the total amount of their thefts; but enough is known to warrant the statement that, within eighteen months, they have divided at least \$100,000. Under the crafty leadership of Alonso Whitteman the men have traveled from San Francisco to Boston, and their operations have resulted in heavy losses to banks in nearly every large city in the West. The prisoners were arraigned in police court and were remanded at the request of Capt. McClusky, who wished to hear from the police of other cities before deciding how the prisoners shall be proceeded against.

#### SEASON'S CATCH OF WHALES.

##### Not a Single Canadian Vessel Operated in Whaling This Year.

The whaling fleet now on its way home will bring a revenue to San Francisco of about \$1,500,000. It is composed of 150 whalers, or 163, including the steamers Jeannette, with a catch of seventeen whales; the Karak, with seven; the Alexander, with eight; the Beluga, with sixty-three; the Mary D. Hicks, with twenty-one; the Grampus, with five; the Balena, with seven; the Narwhal, with three, and the bark Alaska, with three. The total catch for the nine vessels is 150 whales, or 163, including the catch of the Mermaid. The hunting grounds were between Herschell Island, at the mouth of the MacKenzie river, and Banksland. Though the whales were found off the Canadian coast, not a single Canadian vessel was this year operated.

#### LOCOMOTIVE HITS A STREET CAR.

##### Five Persons Injured at a Railway Crossing in Cleveland, Ohio.

A locomotive drawing a caboose struck a street car on Detroit street at the Lake Shore Railroad crossing in Cleveland, wrecking it. Five persons were injured and that nearly everyone in the car was killed outright is marvelous. The car contained eight persons and the locomotive, after knocking it over, plowed through it and smashed it into bits. A train had just passed and both the street car conductor and the gatekeeper failed to see the locomotive and caboose approaching on the other track.

#### HUNTER SLAIN BY A FARMER.

##### Companion of Victim Shoots Man Who Fired the Fatal Bullet.

William Busby, a leading farmer near Kokomo, Ind., who has been annoyed by hunters, fatally shot Orrin Springer, who, with Fred Smith, was hunting on the farm. Busby used a revolver. When Springer fired with bullet in his heart, Smith shot Busby in the shoulder, inflicting a dangerous wound. Busby and Smith were arrested, but Smith was released on bail. The dead man was 23 years old and leaves a widow and baby. Busby claims that he shot in self-defense.

#### White Pine Lumber Prices Raised.

White pine lumber manufacturers have agreed upon a uniform mark-up in prices, taking effect at once. The advance is 50 cents per thousand in some grades of dimensions, and \$1 a thousand on some grades of uppers. Notice is given that all grades not advanced now will be shortly, making a uniform advance of \$1 per thousand all around on all grades.

#### Murder in St. Louis.

In St. Louis John Armstrong was found dead in the dining-room of his home. His face was stained with blood and close to his right hand lay a new revolver, with an empty shell and four loaded chambers. The theory of suicide was not tenable, for the man's wound showed he had been shot through the heart, from the rear.

#### Lynching at Bloomfield, Mo.

William Huff was taken from the county jail at Bloomfield, Mo., and hanged by a mob of about 100 men. Huff, who was charged with the murder of Andrew Melton, showed remarkable nerve, facing the mob and asserting he was not afraid.

#### Closes Lebanon Plants.

The American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company has suspended operations in all its puddling and rolling mills at Lebanon, Pa. The cause assigned is an exhausted coal supply, resulting from the cut families.

#### Market Quotations.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$7.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$1.80 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 97c to \$1.00; corn, No. 2, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 54c; butter, choice creamy, 24c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 17c to 18c; potatoes, choice, 30c to 40c per bushel.

Indians—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$7.00; hogs, choice light, \$2.75 to \$4.25; sheep, common to prime, \$2.25 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 52c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 69c to 71c; corn, No. 2, 23c to 24c; oats, No. 2, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 52c.

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## POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Bryan carried Nebraska by about the same majority as in 1896, but there is a different story from South Dakota, Kansas and Kentucky.

The general consensus of opinion seems to be that Admiral Dewey has demeaned himself in the transfer of the nation's gift to his new wife. "There is no fool like an old fool."

In October, 1898, the War department expended \$22,805,020 and in October this year \$12,447,305. The "imperialistic march" is not calculated to alarm the country financially.

There is a world of difference between the heroic American officers who fall leading their men and the slippery Aguilando, who sends his dupes into a fight while he runs off at the first scent of danger.

Vice-President Hobart died at his home Tuesday morning. His life has been a noble life, begun in poverty, and by honorable effort reaching wealth and position. His life is proof of the grand possibilities presented by our republican government.

The beet sugar factory, built by Illinois Sugar Refining Company at Peoria, costing \$600,000, was started in operation two weeks ago. It has a capacity of 700 tons per day. It is the first factory built in Illinois, and is the third largest of its kind in this country. The output of the plant for this season is estimated at 11,000,000 pounds, or nearly 30,000 barrels. The beets have been tested and show from 11.5 to 15.5 per cent saccharine matter and 87 per cent purity. This is a much higher standard than shown by the beets raised in Germany, France and other European countries.

Lumbermen assert that it will cost over \$1,000 a thousand more to put in logs this coming winter than it did last. Axes that were bought last year for \$7.50 a dozen now cost \$11.00, crosscut saws were 55 cents a foot, now 78c; log chains were near three cents a foot, now six; in fact nearly every thing in iron and steel has about doubled in cost. Beef is one cent higher, and pork about 11c. There is a little difference in the price of hay, oats and flour. In the winter of 1898-'99 wages were from \$22 to \$26, and from 26 to 35 are now offered for work this coming winter.

Fred. M. Twiss, of Lansing, Secretary of the State tax commission has been here during the past week, investigating the charges made against some of the Supervisors. We have been unable to learn the gist of his investigation but are given to understand that the charges are well founded, and that there will be a big surprise to the people of this county, and not only to the people of Roscommon county but to other counties and the state at large. We deplore the fact that this matter originated in this county, but believe that it will redound to our benefit.—Ros. News.

An industrial census for 1898, taken by the American Protective Tariff league, shows that under the Dingley tariff law there has been a gain of nearly 40 per cent in the amount of American labor employed, a gain of 54 per cent in the money paid to wage-earners, and a gain of nearly 11 per cent in the average American wage per capita. Returns were received from 7,957 employers of labor, in thirty-nine lines of industry, located in forty-six states and territories, so that the census is fairly representative of all sections of the country. In fact, the beneficial effects of Republican tariff legislation are so much in evidence that no Democrat mentions free trade.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

England has agreed to the modus vivendi on the Alaska boundary question. The United States did not insist on getting all the territory to which it is entitled, but this is not a final settlement. The modus vivendi, of course, will make a provisional adjustment merely. The negotiations will be continued, and a settlement will ultimately be reached which will recognize all the United States claim and be satisfactory to the country. There need be no doubt on this point. The American position in this controversy is so reasonable that England will be won over to its recognition eventually, and all disputes henceforth will be averted. This temporary adjustment removes, for the time, an irritating issue, and gives an assurance that the full American claim will soon be satisfied.—Globe-Democrat.

Gomez says that the "honorable Cuban should place before himself the ideal of the republic, remembering that every day on which the sun sets until the establishment of the republic is an injury to the Cubans." Every reasonable person who has been in Cuba, however, knows that the Cubans are not yet ready for self-government. Gen. Lee, a man who has investigated the matter on the ground, and who was called on to give great aid to the anti-annexationists, says self-government would be an injury to Cuba at the present time. He wants an American protectorate or annexation. There is a very strong probability that when the Cubans do their voting on the question of their future government the annexation side will have a majority.

The harbor of Pago-Pago is the best that is in the South Pacific, and this renders the Island of Tutuila, in which the harbor is situated, and which comes to us as a result of the division of Samoa, a valuable acquisition. The tripartite arrangement entered into between the United States, England and Germany in Samoa a dozen years ago was unsatisfactory, and the treaty which ends it, which still has to go before the Senate for action, will be welcomed by a majority of Americans. Tutuila is a very small island, but it is, on the whole, the most valuable of the group. The treaty is likely to be ratified by the Senate. The complete ownership of this island is better for this country than a third ownership in the group.—Globe-Dem.

The latest bulletin issued by the national labor bureau relates to crime and drunkenness in communities of 30,000 or more inhabitants. Of this class of cities the country has 140. In some cases the returns are incomplete, and in some cases the questions asked were not applicable, as, for instance, regarding the number of licensed saloons. Topeka and Kansas City have no such saloons; nor have Charleston, S. C., Cambridge Mass., Portland, Me., and a few other small cities. The licensed saloons in the 140 cities number 58,063. Adding the unlicensed in the ten no-license cities, and the total would probably be about 60,000. The number of policemen reported in these cities, with Springfield, Ill., and San Antonio, Texas, unreported, is 28,151. In other words, there is in our large cities one policeman to two saloons. The number of arrests during the year for drunkenness was 204,728, with two minor cities unreported, or about 300,000 all told, making five such arrests to one saloon and ten to one policeman.

It will not be a surprise to any who are at all familiar with the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, to know that people everywhere take pleasure in relating their experience in the use of that splendid medicine and in telling of the benefit they have received from it, of bad colds it has cured, of threatened attacks of pneumonia it has averted, and of the children it has saved from attacks of croup and whooping cough. It is a grand, good medicine. For sale by L. Fournier.

The political sentiment of the United States at this time is decisively Republican. Any one can go over the list of states and see that the Republicans hold more than in 1896. Three general elections have taken place since that year and the net result is a strengthened Republican position. The four states gained are Kansas, Washington, South Dakota and Wyoming. Kentucky, which divided its electoral vote in 1896, is more strongly Republican now than it was then. The single state regained by the Democrats is Maryland, and this was managed only by a platform silent on silver and the rest of the Chicago platform. Compared with 1896 the Republican gain of electoral votes is twenty-two, the lost eight. This change would make the electoral college stand Republican 285, Democratic 162. It is as close an estimate in actual figures as can be made. These are accomplished facts. Through these so-called years the opposition has done its utmost to turn the political tide. But it runs more powerfully than ever. The Democratic party itself has crumbled in an attempt to develop a weak spot in the Republican line.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks' Almanac. There is no comparison between former editions and this splendid Almanac for 1900, now ready. Printed in beautiful colors, on much finer paper, its 100 pages are packed with invaluable information on storms, astronomy and meteorology. It is illustrated with nearly 200 fine half tones and other engravings. This superb book would sell anywhere for fifty cents, but it costs only 25c a copy, and every subscriber to Rev. Irl R. Hicks' now famous paper, Words and Works, at \$1.00 a year, receives this elegant Almanac as a premium. Words and Works is a recognized leader among the best family and scientific journals, while nothing of its kind can compare with the Hicks' Almanac. One dollar a year is a nominal price for such unique and useful publications. Professor Hicks has justly, and of necessity, withdrawn his storm and weather forecasts from all free almanacs, having generously given his time and labor free for nearly twenty years. Words and Works Pub. Co., 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

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## Homeseker's Excursion.

Tickets are on sale at all principal ticket offices of the C. H. & D. Ry. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Low round trip rates are made to all points in the West, South and Southwest. If you contemplate a trip this winter it will be to your interest to consult your nearest C. H. & D. agent or write D. G. Edwards, P. T. M., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Though heavy rains continue in Luzon the liveliest sort of an American campaign is under way. Aguilando is getting a taste of what he may expect in dry weather.

## Used by British Soldiers in Africa.

Capt. C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Galishe. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Cough, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint and had given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by L. Fournier.

The December number of The Delinquent is called the Yuletide number, and with its beautiful new cover and innumerable illustrations is certainly one of the most artistic magazines ever sent out. Aside from being the leading fashion publication, it contains much choice literary matter from the pens of well-known authors. The household and social discussions are ably dealt with and are of real worth. The delightfully humorous fantasies over the Plum Pudding, by John Kendrick Bangs, is thoroughly witty and enjoyable. A very clever and instructive article by Emma Haywood gives directions for making Christmas gifts. Of particular interest are the household topics: Inexpensive Christmas Gifts, and Some Holiday Desserts. In addition the regular departments are unusually bright and original—Social Observations, by Mrs. Frank Larned; The Milliner, The Dressmaker, Crocheting, Tatting, Knitting, the Newest books, etc.

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Our Gift to You if you will renew your subscription or become a new subscriber to THE AVANACHE, and send or call at this office and pay \$1.00, the price of THE AVANACHE, and 25 cents additional then we will present you with a year's subscription to The Household. This is an opportunity never before offered, and cannot be continued indefinitely. The price of The Household alone is \$1.00. The price of THE AVANACHE is \$1.00. Thus the price of both to you is only \$1.25. You can see sample copies of the Household at my office. You should act at once so as to receive the Christmas issue.

## Chamberlain's Pain Balm Cures Others, Why Not You?

My wife has been using Chamberlain's Pain Balm, with good results, for a lame shoulder that has pained her continually for nine years. We have tried all kinds of medicines and doctors without receiving any benefit from any of them. One day we saw an advertisement of this medicine and thought of trying it, which we did with the best of satisfaction. She has used only one bottle and her shoulder is almost well. Adolph L. Millet, Manchester, N. H. For sale by L. Fournier.

You assume no risk when you buy Chamberlain's Cough, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. L. Fournier will refund your money if you are not satisfied after using it. It is every where admitted to be the most successful remedy in use for bowel complaints, and the only one that never fails. It is pleasant, safe and reliable.

WANTED—AGENTS to sell the latest invention for producing a bright and cheap light, the "Best" Incandescent Vapor Gas Lamp; thousands of these lamps are now in use in every part of the world; exclusive territory given to hustlers. THE BEST LIGHT CO., Canton, Ohio.

## Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

At a Session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate office in the village of Grayling on the twenty-third day of November, A. D. 1899, your one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present JOHN J. COVENTRY, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of William W. Sherman deceased.

On the day and time of filing the petition, duly verified by Charles E. Sherman, a son of above named deceased, praying that a day may be fixed for hearing his petition, and that the estate may be granted to Benjamin F. Sherman or some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 23d day of November, 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs a law of the said deceased and all other persons interested in the said estate, or any other person interested in the said estate, come to the Probate office in the village of Grayling and show cause why there be not held a hearing of the said petition, and that the estate be not granted.

It is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the heirs and all persons interested in the said estate, and to the Probate office in the village of Grayling and show cause why there be not held a hearing of the said petition, and that the estate be not granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 23d day of November, A. D. 1899.

## A Changed View of a Changed Man.

I am completely disengaged, after trying so called specialists and different advertised remedies, I feel that I am getting worse instead of better, and have about given up hope of ever being cured of my kidney trouble.

I have changed my mind, for after reading of the positive guarantee of Foley's Kidney Cure as a forlorn hope I tried a bottle, and the result was so favorable that I continued its use until I had taken three bottles which effected a thorough cure, and I am a changed man.

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## Mortgage Sale.

WHEREAS default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the second day of April in the year eighteen hundred and ninety seven, executed by Daniel S. Wright, of Benzine, Michigan, A. Kann, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Liber D of Mortgages, on page 508, on the third day of April A. D. 1897, at eight o'clock a.m.

And whereas the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of two hundred and fifty seven and 69/100 dollars of principal and interest, and the further sum of twenty dollars as an attorney fee stipulated for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding at law having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

Now therefore notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House, in the village of Grayling, in said county of Crawford, on Saturday the sixth day of January A. D. 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows, to wit: The west half of the southeast quarter (1/4 of 1/4) of section twenty-eight (28) township twenty-five (25) north of Range two (2) west, containing eighty acres more or less, according to the government survey.

Dated Grayling, Mich., October 11th, 1899.

A. KANN, MORTGAGEE.

GEO. L. ALEXANDER, Atty. Oct 12-13w.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

County of Crawford, ss.

In the matter of the estate of Elisha Baker, an incompetent person.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order granted to the undersigned guardian of the estate of said Elisha Baker, by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Crawford, on the second day of September A. D. 1899, there will be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the South East corner of Section 20, Town 29, North of Range 3 West, all of the above described land being in the township of Maple Forest, in the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan.

Dated Maple Forest, Nov. 3, 1899.

PHILEMUS M. HOYT, Guardian.

Nov 2-7w.

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# The Avalanche.

THURSDAY, NOV. 23, 1899.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

"Yankee Volunteer," opera house Nov. 24. Hear it.

Pay your subscription and subscribe for the Household.

BORN—Nov. 12, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Crotteau, a son.

Murex is the best Wall Finish in the market. Sold by Colter & Co.

W. S. Chalker was in town Monday.

If you have not secured your tickets for the lecture course, do so at once.

John C. Hanson and wife are expected home tomorrow afternoon train.

Kelley's discourse was both eloquent and witty and evoked rounds of applause.—Ionia, Michigan.

Mrs. F. O. Peck was visiting friends in West Branch the last of the week.

I am now prepared to write policies in a first class insurance company.

JOSEPH PATTERTON.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Aid society will meet in the church parlor on Friday afternoon for work.

FOR SALE—A book case, bedroom sets, stoves, chairs, etc. Inquire of T. A. Carney. sep 28

F. Jennings of Ionia is visiting his brother Frank and of course enjoying the hunting season.

Peninsular Stoves and Ranges guaranteed the best. Sold by A. KRAUS.

The three Hannas and A. Anius of Beaver Creek were among our visitors Monday.

FOR SALE—A good coal stove used but two winters. Inquire at this office.

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We hear that Jno. Hum has bagged two more fine deer, and U. Shirts Jr. a big one.

A ten pound boy came to live with Mr. and Mrs. McGuire Dupuis last Saturday.

Dr. Insley reported a case of measles at L. N. Chamberlain's the first of the week.

Fred F. Hoceski drove into the village Friday evening with a load of hunters from Connor's bridge.

The case of Archie House vs. the M. C. R. R., tried last week, was decided Monday in favor of the R. R. Co.

J. Burton and wife returned from a four week's visit in Branch county last week. They have enjoyed the outing.

C. B. Johnson of Maple Forest brought out a load of hunters Monday. The warm, bright weather has made poor sport.

Jasper West started for M. Dyer's place in the east part of the town, Saturday, where he will be engaged in cutting pulp wood.

On account of taking inventory, our store will be closed December 1. Salling, Hanson & Company.

FOR SALE OF RENT—My blacksmith and repair shop, with tools and everything ready for business, now 23rd. T. Boesom, Grayling, Mich.

Mrs. A. J. Rose, at the home of her daughter in Savanna, N. Y., had the misfortune to fall in some way one day last week, and fractured her arm.

Post Office will be open Thursday, Nov. 30th, between the hours of 6:30 and 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., and 2:30 p. m., and from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m.

M. A. BATES, P. M.

Judge Sharpe held a special term of court here last Monday, going to Gaylord on the evening train for the regular term there, which opened Tuesday.

Miss Mary Jorgenson returned from Illinois last week, accompanied by her mother and sister, who will reside in the corner cottage opposite the school house.

Messrs. Ballard and Nephew and Misses Mawhorter and Hattie Blanshan attended the Y. P. S. C. E. at Maple Forest last Sunday and report the society in a prosperous condition.

The differences between the old officials of Center Plains and those of Beaver Creek have been happily adjusted without litigation, a proof of the good sense of those concerned.

Wm. Flannigan was brought down from Frederic, Tuesday, and lodged with Sheriff Owen, charged with being drunk. He was close to the region of Jim-jams.

Orders for parts of all kinds, and for all kinds of Sewing Machines will have special attention at J. W. Sorenson's. He also keeps a good assortment of Machine Needles.

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Hon. Z. Curry, who will be remembered as special agent of the U. S. Land Office, be on its removal, made us a social call, yesterday. He had been to Ohio to vote.

Mrs. Laura Simpson came home from her school at Appenzell Saturday morning on her wheel, making the run in two hours. Her father rode back with her Sunday afternoon as far as the Ingerson farm.

N. Michelson and Olaf, with Lieut. and Mrs. E. Hartwick returned from their European tour last Friday, all glad to be home again, as were our citizens to greet them. Mr. Michelson seems to have recovered his health, and we trust it may prove permanent.

**Corset Comfort.** The Cresco is disconnected at Waits in front with elastic gores at sides. A corset that cannot break at the Waist Line. When next you buy a corset, try it. Sold only by S. H. & Co.

John Rose dropped into town Saturday night for a visit with his family, and spent Monday shaking hands about town. He is selling "Spear Head" and now has the territory north of Bay City and east of the M. C. R. R., so he will be able to get home about every month.

Covert and Chittago got shipwrecked on a sand bar this side of Wakeley's last week, but "Tom" took them in for the night, and they got their barge afloat early in the morning and made quick time to the ranch, as there was plenty of water below.

We are in receipt of a chatty letter from R. Hanson, at Los Angeles, Cal., the 16th; who with his party is having a most enjoyable time, with strawberries and cream and all tropical fruits in abundance, with fine summer weather, yet can see the snow capped mountains, seeming but a little distance away. They expected to leave there the 18th, coming home via Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs, Denver and Chicago, arriving here about the 1st prox.

Sir Walter Besant begins in the December Century a series of papers illustrating life in East London as it is today. "Liz is a "Board school" girl, and Sir Walter holds that what the average East Londoner learns from books at school he afterwards forgets; but that the civilizing influence of the schools is incalculable, and has marvellously transformed the East End in the past thirty years. No one knows more of the life of the poor in London than the author of "All Sorts and Conditions of Men;" and no one is better known as their pictorial interpreter than Phil May, who collaborates with Sir Walter in illustrating Sir Walter's article.

**Resolutions of Condolence.**

At the regular meeting of Marvin Relief Corps, a committee was appointed to adopt the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom, has removed from the home of our esteemed sister, Maren Hanson, a beloved mother, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that she deeply mourns the loss of one whose loving hands of kindness gave evidence of many beautiful graces of Christian character which will ever be held in loving memory by all, we feel assured that she has been called by our Heavenly Father to full enjoyment of the rest promised to those who love him, and be it

RESOLVED, that we as members of Marvin Relief Corps, No. 162, do extend to our esteemed sister our deepest sympathy in her lonely hours.

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be given to the family and also to the local paper for publication.

WHEREAS, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in his divine providence to call from this world of care to that sweet rest beyond, the beloved father of our esteemed sister, Emilie Francis, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of Marvin Relief Corps, No. 162, extend to our sister our deepest sympathy in her great loss, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is the earnest prayer of the members that God may grant our sister the grace necessary to bear her cross with resignation to his divine will, and may her burden be lightened by fully trusting in him, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this corps and also given to the local paper for publication.

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Mortgage Sale.

WHEREAS default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the 17th day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, executed by Frank S. Burgess, and Anna Burgess, his wife, both of Grayling, Michigan, to Dora Bossbach, of Sterling, Michigan, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county of Crawford, in Liber E of mortgages, pages 128 and 129, on the eighteenth day of August, A. D. 1899 at ten o'clock a. m. And whereas the said Dora Bossbach has no heretofore exercised the option granted her by and by said mortgage, and declared the whole amount provided for in said by and said mortgage due and payable immediately. And whereas the amount claimed due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of Five Hundred and Twenty Two Dollars and eighty five cents (\$522.85) of principal and interest, and the further sum of Fifteen Dollars as an attorney fee, as provided by law, and which is the whole amount claimed to be unpaid on said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

Now THEREFORE notice is hereby given that by virtue of the said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, at public auction, to the highest bidder at the front door of the Court House in Grayling village, in said county, on the twentieth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows, to wit: The southerly forty feet of Lot number ten of Block number sixteen, of the original plat of the village of Grayling, as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan; this instrument covers forty feet front on Cedar street, and running easterly one hundred and twenty-five feet.

Dated October 25th 1899.

DORA BOSSBACH,

MORTGAGEE,

Geo. L. ALEXANDER, ATTY. Oct 26-1899

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Boys Suits were \$2.00 and \$2.50, they are now 98c

Childrens Dresses, sizes one to five years, were 39c

Thirty six inches Black Dress Goods, were 21c, we offer them now at 12c

Boys Over Coats were \$2.00, we offer them now at 98c

Men's and young men's Overcoats were \$10.00, now selling at 5.00

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Seven brevets and promotions, all for "gallant and meritorious conduct" had been rewarded four times from Washington. During the following year he added three more to his list of brevets.

When the battle of Winchester was begun Merritt was six miles away facing Breckinridge's column. He followed Breckinridge's column. He followed the battle or whether he might not have to face the whole Confederate force. He fell upon the line with a rush, breaking it, driving the cavalry back through the infantry lines, and in the words of Sheridan's report, "sent the enemy whirling through Winchester." For his service in this battle and at Fisher's Hill, one month later, Merritt became a brevet major general of volunteers from Oct. 19, 1864.

In the following spring occurred the battle of Five Forks, in which Merritt and Fitzhugh Lee fought on opposite sides. Some of the fiercest fighting of the whole war occurred here, and Gen. Merritt was in the thick of it. His cavalry command distinguished itself by its gallant work on ground as unsuitable for the operations of mounted troops as any that could well be selected. It charged through woods and earthworks, captured a battery of artillery, and carried everything before it. Merritt's bravery was again rewarded, this time by a brigadier generalship in the United States army, dating from March 13, 1865.

In the days succeeding this conflict, Merritt's command was in almost daily collision with the forces of the enemy.

"In the spring of 1863 the Union cavalry, which had been split up into small divisions during the earlier part of the war, was reorganized, and Gen. Pleasonton was made chief of cavalry of the Army of the Potomac. Merritt was assigned to the Second Cavalry, with the rank of captain."

"At the beginning of June it was reported that Lee was getting ready to move north, and a force of 10,000 cavalry was sent out to see if they could locate any large bodies of Confederate troops, with a view to determining the truth of this report. In the course of our expedition we ran into some 12,000 Confederate cavalry under 'Jeb' Stuart, not far from Culpeper. Fording the Rappahannock in the early morning we attacked the Confederate camp."

"The ensuing engagement, known as the battle of Beverly Ford, is recognized by military writers as the most conspicuous cavalry engagement of the war. The numbers on each side were nearly equal, the ground was favorable for mounted operations, and the fighting lasted all day, from 5 in the morning until nearly 7 at night."

"There were two young officers on the Union side who won great glory that day. They were Merritt and Custer, both of whom were immediately afterwards made brigadier generals. Better than all else, Merritt won the warm commendation of his old commander, the gallant Buford, of whom he afterward wrote:

"His slightest praise was more valued by his officers than a brevet from the War Department."

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## SHORTER EUROPEAN MAIL TIME.

The Scheme Includes Railway to Louisville, C. B., and a Fast Fleet.

A scheme which postoffice and railway authorities have had under consideration for some years is said to have been revived, whereby a fast mail service is to be inaugurated between Louisville, Boston and New York, shortening the time between Liverpool and New York City by about forty-eight hours.

In connection with the railroad project a fleet of ocean greyhounds, equaling in speed such ships as the Oceanic and the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, is to be put into service between the Nova Scotia ports and Liverpool. The distance from Louisville to Liverpool is given as 2,240 miles. Steamers of the speed of the vessels mentioned could cover the route in about four days and the railroad run to New York via Montreal would be covered in about forty hours, while Boston could be reached in about twenty-four hours, or five days from Liverpool. If mail can be landed in Boston in five days from Liverpool it follows that passengers will be attracted by this route.

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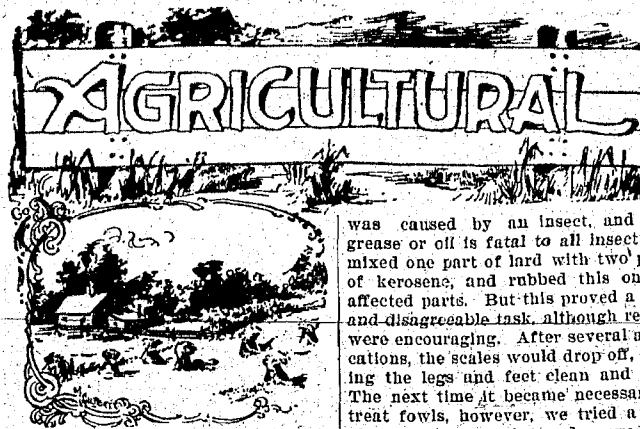
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## THE WAR WITH THE BOERS.

Fighting Still Continues, with No Important Results.

At this writing it is not apparent that any serious fighting has taken place in Natal between the Boers and British since the serious reverse experienced by the latter before Ladysmith. There is a dearth of news in London relative to the South African situation, but enough is known to keep up interest and create anxiety. Ladysmith is surrounded by the Boers in large numbers and a force sufficiently large has been sent south and has compassed the British evacuation of Colenso, the only town of importance between Ladysmith and Durban, the chief port of Natal. This obviously improves the Boer situation. It gives them the command of the Tugela river, cuts off Ladysmith completely from communication with British headquarters at Pietermaritzburg, the capital of Natal, and places them favorable for an attack upon any re-enforcement that Gen. Buller may send north from Durban for the relief of Gen. White.

Meantime at Kimberley and Mafeking, on the west side of the twin republics, the siege of these places is being prosecuted by the Boers. The latter are in greater numbers than it was once thought they could muster and England may find it necessary to send even more than one army corps to South Africa.

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One on Him.

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"Reminds you of me?" he thundered.

"In what way?" spoke woman.

"Why, this makes the fourth time it has gone out and every time it goes out it smells of alcohol."

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Hard Tack.

"George, look at the smooth sea," said Ida at the yacht drift.

"Does it not look like one vast carpet?"

"It does, indeed, pet," responded George, as he whistled for the wind.

George, as he whistled for the wind, and I suppose the yachts are trying to tack down the carpet."

No Thoroughfare.

He—It has been said that the way to reach a man's heart is through his stomach.

She—But suppose he is dyspeptic?

He—Then don't attempt it.

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## THE WORLD TO-DAY IS BETTER.

(By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.)  
Oh, the earth is full of sinning  
And of trouble and of woe,  
But the devil makes all human  
Every time you say it's so;  
And the way to set him scowling,  
And to put him back a pace,  
Is to stop this stupid growling,  
And to look things in the face.

If you glance at history's pages,  
In all lands and eras known,  
You will find the vanished ages  
Far more wicked than our own.  
As you scan each word and letter,  
You will realize it more;  
That the world to-day is better  
Than it ever was before.

There is much that needs amending  
In the present time, no doubt,  
There is right that needs defending,  
There is wrong needs crushing out;  
And we hear the groans and curses  
Of the poor who starve and die,  
While the men with swollen purses  
In the place of hearts, go by.

But in spite of all the trouble,  
That obscures the sun to-day,  
Just remember it was double  
In the ages passed away,  
And these wrongs shall all be righted,  
Good shall dominate the land;  
For the darkness now is lighted  
By the torch in Science's hand.

Forth from little mites in chaos  
We have come to what we are,  
And no evil force can stay us;  
We shall mount from star to star;  
We shall break away each fetter  
That has bound us heretofore,  
And the world to-day is better  
Than it ever was before.

## LITTLE WILLIE.

"How I do wish we could have a  
pair of incident in our daily life!"  
said Millicent More, closing her book  
with a sigh.

"Nothing ever happens to us," said  
her cousin Catherine, with a smile, as  
she bent forward to pick up a dead  
leaf off her pet geranium.

Millicent and Catherine More were  
girls of 22 and 25—"old maidys," the  
17-year-olds called them—who taught  
school, and supported themselves com-  
fortably by their own unaided efforts.

Millicent was pretty, with red lips, a  
clear, bright complexion and hair  
touched with the warm auburn gold  
that artists copy and poets rave of,  
and Millicent had not quite given up  
her little dream of love and matrimony,  
but Catherine never spoke of such  
things. Catherine was not absolutely  
a fright, but Catherine was small and  
plain, with ordinary gray eyes, hair  
like everybody else's, and not the  
slightest pretensions to beauty.

But the two cousins were very happy  
together after their own unpreten-  
tious fashion, Millicent supplying the  
sentimental and poetical element and  
Catherine contentedly devoting her  
self out of school hours to the house-  
keeping.

And upon this particular December  
afternoon, just as the girls were de-  
plored the monotony of their daily  
life, the postman tapped at the door  
with a letter.

"A letter!" cried Millicent.

"For me?" echoed Catherine.

And the cousins read it, with their  
arms twined about one another and  
their heads very close together.

"Uncle George is dead in Australia,"  
gasped Millicent.

"Oh, Milly—and he has left an or-  
phan boy!" added Catherine, the tears  
burning into her eyes. "We must  
adopt him, Milly—we must bring him  
up."

Millicent drew back a little.

"I don't see why," she said, some  
what coldly. "Uncle George never did  
anything for us."

"We never asked him to, Milly."

"But he knew we were forced to  
support ourselves."

"Perhaps, dear, he was even poorer  
than we—At all events, he is dead  
now—and this child is left alone in  
the world. I'll sit down and write to  
the lawyer this minute."

"Stop!" said Millicent, compressing  
her lips. "Do you mean that you really  
intend taking a great, rough, half-  
civilized boy into this house?"

"Certainly. I do," said Catherine,  
earnestly. "Oh, Milly—a motherless  
child!"

"In that case," said Millicent, "I shall  
not remain here. If you choose to  
open a gratis orphan asylum it is no  
reason that my slender income should  
be squandered to feed your fancies."

"But, Milly, your salary is larger  
than mine!"

"And I do not mean to scatter it for  
a mere chimera. This child has no  
sort of claim upon either of us. Let  
the Australian authorities provide for  
him."

And Millicent More could not be per-  
suaded to take any other view of the  
question than this. The next day she  
told her cousin that she had made ar-  
rangements to secure a home with  
Miss Ketural Bayley, who took a few  
select boarders, in the next street.

And then Catherine sat down to con-  
sider ways and means. She had taken  
the house for a year—there was no re-  
seding from the rent question.

"I'll let the lower tory to Mrs. Hop-  
per, the milliner," said she to herself.  
"I never used to like the idea of living  
in half a house, but all pride must be  
laid aside now. I will take the back  
bedroom myself and Little Willie shall  
have the front room that looks out on  
the street. I shall have to do without  
my new silk dress and to command my  
subscription to the 'Illustrated En-  
cyclopedia,' but I shall not mind that;  
I'll discharge Hannah and engage little  
Dorcas Brown, who is so fond of chil-  
dren and has such a winning way  
with her. And I know we shall get  
along splendidly—though, to be sure, I  
shall have to ask Lawyer Goodale for  
copying to do at home in the evenings,  
for I might be laying up a little some-  
thing against Willie's future education."

For it never occurred to Catherine  
More that she was doing a brave and  
heroic thing in denying herself for the  
benefit of one whom she deemed yet  
poorer and more helpless than herself—  
nor to Millicent that she was acting  
the part of a rascal.

The little room in the front of the  
cottage second story was fitted up

pretty for the orphaned Australian  
boy—Catherine had sold her cabinet  
organ to buy the furniture—and Dor-  
cas in a clean white apron and ribbons  
was bustling around, while Mrs.  
Hopper had already arranged her  
stock of bonnet frames, ribbons and  
artificial flowers in the lower windows.

It was a lovely June day, with the  
sky blue and clear as a baby's eyes and  
the air full of scents from the blossoming  
buckwheat fields, Catherine More,  
having, not without difficulty, obtained  
a temporary substitute in her  
school, went to New York to meet her  
new charge in the steamer *Harvest*  
Lass, which had been telegraphed  
from Sandy Hook the day before.

"Little Willie will know me," she  
said to herself, "because I sent my  
photograph by the last mail. I wanted  
my face to seem familiar to him, poor  
lamb."

She stood on the pier eagerly scan-  
ning the countenance of every child  
that landed, her face brightening once  
or twice as she saw a boy whom she  
thought might be Willie, when all of  
a sudden a hand was laid lightly on  
her arm and she found herself looking  
up into a handsome, bronzed face  
above her.

"Sh!" she cried, starting back.

"I beg your pardon," said a frank,  
pleasant voice, "I did not mean to  
alarm you. But is this Miss More?"

She inclined her head.

"I am your cousin William."

And this time Catherine started back  
in more surprise than ever.

"Sh," she said, "you are mistaken.  
William is a little boy."

"Hardly," returned the tall stranger,  
"unless you would call me a little boy.  
Dear cousin Kitty, no one ever told  
you I was a child or poor. It was your  
own inference. Thank heaven, I am  
independent and wealthy, and as I  
have come to man's estate, I think it is  
rather my duty to take care of you  
than to allow you to take care of me."

Catherine looked at her handsome  
cousin in mute amazement. This  
grand upsetting of all her theories  
and ideas was more than she could  
comprehend just at once.

"But, Wil—"

"But, Catherine. Nay, my dear little  
gray-eyed cousin, the lawyers have  
told me how willing you were to adopt  
and care for the homeless orphan, and  
how my cousin Millicent shrank from  
the task. And from the bottom of my  
heart I thank you for what you are  
ready to do."

How Dorcas started when she saw  
what sort of a fellow "little Willie"  
had proved to be! How Mrs. Hopper  
giggled behind her bonnet frames  
when she thought of the little child's  
crib and the picture books upstairs.

"Of course, such an elegant young  
gentleman as that will go to the hotel,"  
said Mrs. Hopper. But he did not.  
He stayed at the cottage, sleeping on  
the back parlor sofa until other ac-  
commodations could be provided for  
him. And when Millicent came over  
with her prettiest smile and outstretched  
hand the young Australian received  
her with an odd, curt coldness that  
made her feel excessively uncomfortable.

"You see, Cousin Milly," said he,  
"you didn't want to be bothered with me;  
you thought the Australian au-  
thorities ought to be compelled to pro-  
vide for me."

And when Mrs. Hopper heard that  
Little Catherine More was to marry  
her rich cousin she wasn't at all sur-  
prised.

"It's the most natural thing in the  
world," said she, "only it's a pity that  
Cathie isn't a little prettier."

But Catherine More was satisfied  
with her lover's declaration that to  
him her plain face was the sweetest  
in all the world.

**Beachcombers of the Azores.**

In nineteen cases out of twenty, the  
beachcomber of the Azores is a sailor.  
His occupation is considered a legiti-  
mate one, and every man is in business  
for himself, and has so much territory  
which he can call his own. The rights  
of each are as well defined and protect-  
ed as in a mining camp. Efforts have  
often been made by the authorities to  
abolish beachcombing, or to take it  
over to themselves; but every attempt  
has stirred up rebellion. The man may  
have a beat of five miles, or only one  
according to the trend of the coast.  
As a rule he knocks up a shanty of  
some sort about midway of his beat.  
No capital is required to start in busi-  
ness; and unless the "comber" strikes  
luck he is hungry and in rags the most  
of the time. While the men protect  
one another to a certain extent, a  
"jumper" is certain to turn up about  
so often. Then it is a deadly fight be-  
tween two desperate men. The one  
who survives takes the beat. The body  
of the one who is killed is not found  
by the authorities. If a comber makes  
a rich beat is offered to the highest bidder,  
but there are no partners to be passed.  
The average life of a comber is only a year.  
If he doesn't hit it and retire by that time, he is  
pretty sure to be done for by a jumper, or  
to meet his death in the surf. As in  
the cases of brigands, the native popula-  
tion stands in with the shore hunters  
and whatever of value comes ashore finds a safe hiding place until  
it can be realized on. The average  
beachcomber has neither honesty nor  
mercy in his heart, and to protect his  
savage will not hesitate to commit  
murder.

**A Japanese Geisha Girl.**

A geisha must be highly accomplished,  
but her chief duty is to amuse. While  
not by any means a musician, she  
must be able to perform on the  
sunsem, koto, zuzumi (drum) and other  
musical instruments. She dances, sings,  
and talks on the lightest subjects, and always holds herself  
in readiness to entertain her guests  
according to their mood. A witty  
geisha, one who is a good talker,  
pretty and graceful, will not lack for  
employment at any time, and generally  
makes a very good living. While it is  
not at all necessary for her to arouse  
mirth, her object must be to beguile  
the time that is irksome to her guests.  
This often happens that one finds  
depressed will send for a geisha  
girl. The geisha is a natural actress  
and her taste in dress exquisite,  
would scrupulously clean up chintz as  
the hazard of their lives with their brooms  
and other instruments, often through  
a narrow funnel fifty feet in length.

**Original Chimney Sweepers.**

The first people who employed boys  
for the purpose of chipping up chim-  
neys to clean them were the French;  
and the greater part of chimney sweepers  
in Paris at the commencement of the  
century were Savoyards. One  
might see everywhere in the streets  
large groups of these boys, many not  
more than eight years of age, clad in lin-  
en cloaks and caps when called upon,  
would scrupulously clean up chintz as  
the hazard of their lives with their brooms  
and other instruments, often through  
a narrow funnel fifty feet in length.

**Italian Babies.**

Babies seem to be no trouble in Italy,  
and one cannot but be struck by the  
number of them. These bambinos are  
often hung upon pegs in the front of  
the house, where they look out of their  
little black, beady eyes like papooses.  
I unhooked one of these babies and  
held it awhile. Its back and little  
feet were held tightly against a strip of board so that it was quite stiff  
from its feet to its shoulders. It did  
not seem to object to be at all un-  
comfortable, and as it only howled  
while I was holding it, I have an idea  
that, except when invaded by foreign-  
ers, the bambino's existence is quite  
happy.—Lillian Bell in the *Woman's Home Companion*.

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possesses. The output for 1888 ap-  
proximated 1,700,000 barrels.

## DOCTORS OPIUM SLAVES.

TEN PER CENT. OF OUR PHYSICIANS  
TAKE MORPHINE.

A Weakness of the Profession, Dr. Croth-  
er Declares—His Conclusions Based  
on Data Resulting from Extended  
Investigation—Medican Vic-  
tims of Needlemania.

That 10 per cent. of all the physi-  
cians in this country are victims of  
the morphine habit was the startling  
estimate made by Dr. T. D. Crothers  
of Hartford, Conn., in a paper read  
before the last session of the New  
York Medical Association.

Dr. Crothers, whose paper was entitled  
"Morphism Among Physicians," gives this summary of his re-  
searches as chairman of a committee  
which has been collecting and studying  
statistics on opium, morphine and alcohol  
for nine years:

"In a general history of 3,244 physi-  
cians residing in the Eastern, Middle  
and some of the cities of the Western  
States, 21 per cent. were found using  
spirits of opium to excess. Six per  
cent. of this number used morphine or  
opium prominently. Ten per cent.  
were using opium or other drugs se-  
cretly outside of this number." At  
least 20 per cent., including this number,  
used spirits in so-called moderation.

"In another study of 170 physicians,  
7 per cent. used opium or morphine and  
6 per cent. were secret drug takers.

"From the personal observation of a  
number of physicians who have a  
large acquaintance with medical men,  
from 8 to 10 per cent. are either secret  
or open drug and morphine habitues.

"These figures appear to be approxi-  
mately correct, and show that at least  
from 6 to 10 per cent. of all medical  
men are opium habituates. This is un-  
doubtedly a conservative statement,  
considering the fact that drug takers,  
and physicians in particular, are se-  
cretive and conceal their use of drugs,  
particularly where it implies weak-  
ness and infirmity on their social stand-  
ing.

"There are many reasons for the  
support of the statement of Dr. Elain,  
that a large percentage of physicians  
suffer and die from drug treatment of  
themselves. They begin to use spirits,  
opium and other drugs for functional  
and transient disturbances, and later  
contract serious organic disease, the  
early drug-taking having been a contribut-  
ing cause.

"The physician who uses opium is  
always somnolent, serene and meditative  
in his manner. Except an in-  
creasingly defective memory and de-  
generating ethical sense, and irregularities  
of conduct, with a certain lassitude  
of face, there is little to indicate his  
condition.

"On the other hand, the morphine  
man shows great extremes of emotion.  
At times he will be very talkative,  
and sensitive to his surroundings; then  
silent, indifferent, irritable or violent  
in his impulses and talk. He will  
also at times be very brilliant, make  
a clear diagnosis, perform a difficult  
operation, and even deliver a lecture  
with spirit and energy. The same im-  
paired memory and ethical sense ap-  
pears, although more concealed.

"Morphinism tends toward acute  
mania and suicide, with the same im-  
pulses as the opium habit.

"There is a pleasing fascination in  
the rapid, complete change and transi-  
tion which follows the use of the  
needle. To the "hypnotist" inherited or  
acquired, this is a revelation, and no  
other form of administering morphine  
can compare with it. This actually  
develops a normal human, and nearly  
all morphinists are hypodermic drug  
maniacs. The withdrawal of the mor-  
phine is annotated as long as the needle  
is used.

"In a certain case a physician used  
the needle with water, supposing it to  
be morphine, for two years after  
the withdrawal of the drug, under the  
direction of his partner. It is the com-  
mon experience to keep up the use of  
the needle for its mental effect long  
after the morphine is abandoned. Even  
then it is difficult to break up the  
mania for this form of drug using.

"It has been stated with some basis  
of fact that the constant administration  
of morphine by the needle or by the  
mouth, and particularly morphine, is a  
prominent symptom of a morphine  
maniac.

"The medical morphinist may suc-  
ceed in concealing his use of morphine  
for a variable time, but its effects on  
his thoughts and conduct cannot long  
be covered. He will early begin to  
show carelessness in conduct, neg-  
lect of duty, loss of personal respect and  
emotional changes. Along with this  
appear a childish egotism and a dis-  
position to criticize and to expose the  
weaknesses of others.

"I cannot stop without calling attention  
to the fact that morphinism is in-  
creasing among physicians. The re-  
ports from private asylums and public  
hospitals show that within five years  
medical men form a considerable part  
of their inmates.

"I conclude with a caution that can-  
not be stated in words too strongly—  
never use morphine by the needle or  
yourself, and never use it except by  
the counsel of a trusted medical ad-  
viser. Never give morphine to a neuro-  
tic or psychopathic physician until you  
are satisfied that it is the best remedy  
which can be used. If you are using  
morphine, attention to it at once and  
make every effort to do so at the earliest  
moment."

**Original Chimney Sweepers.**

The first people who employed boys  
for the